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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
PATENT**

Customer No.: 22,852

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Michael S. H. CHU et al.

Application No.: 10/017,012

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS  
FOR GUIDING A NEEDLE

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) Group Art Unit: 3731  
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) Examiner: M. H. Thaler  
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) Confirmation No.: 7794  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this

Amendment.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this Amendment.

*Encl 500  
with RCF-3-28-06  
Amend*